

April 12, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
California State Governor  
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Local Governments Transportation Funding**

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Propositions 22 and 26 would have forced local governments to eliminate 45,000-63,000 jobs statewide, and would have severely impacted the State's economic recovery. While AB105 eliminated the threat of Propositions 22 and 26, local governments like the County of Santa Barbara continually face shortfalls and new threats to our transportation funding. The County received our last installment of Proposition 1B Local Streets and Roads funds in 2010. Oil prices are on the rise, construction costs are increasing, and local sales tax revenue has decreased significantly in the last few years. With all of these factors and shortages, our unfunded transportation infrastructure backlog is steadily increasing. In Santa Barbara County alone, our unfunded transportation backlog is approximately \$220 million.

At the local level across the State, future cuts to transportation funding would cause a substantial decrease in the quality of transportation infrastructure maintained by local

agencies, and would greatly affect our ability to respond to future natural disasters. The California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report 2010 Update found that the local system continues to deteriorate and the revenue shortfall has increased from \$71.4 billion in 2008 to \$78.6 billion over the next ten years. More specifically, the County of Santa Barbara has a pavement condition index (PCI) (a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent)) of 64 in 2011, compared to a PCI of 69 in 2008.

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Sincerely,

Joni Gray  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

April 12, 2011

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Das Williams  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 94249

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April 12, 2011

The Honorable Sam Blakeslee  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4070  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Tony Strickland  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4062  
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